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Students to lose federal funding

ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO PELL GRANT FORMULA

By HAVANNA HAGANS, STAFF WRITER & TRACY HANEY, EDITOR

A change in the formula used to calculate Pell grants could leave as many as 3,500 Eastern students without funding, according to numbers released by the Financial Aid office during a Board of Regents subcommittee meeting Monday.

Director of Financial Aid Shelley Park said students could lose a combined total of about \$1 million in federal grant money as well as their eligibility for a CAP grant.

"I think the biggest thing I worry about is a lot of people will incur more loan debts," Park said. "This is just another barrier that is going to prevent some people from going to school and continuing their education."

Park said the tax table for calculating the Pell Grant has not been updated in 16 years.

"It really needed to be updated," Park said. "The Pell program is running in a deficit so they had to do something."

Based on numbers in the fall semester, Park said about 5,000 students received the Pell grant. She said the tax table adjustment is going to affect predominately middle class students.

The adjustment will begin to take effect during the 2005-2006 school year. Park said the effects of the changes to the Pell grant will not be known until students have completed their FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

"It's going to be awhile until we know the real impact," Park said.

In other business during the Student Life, Discipline and Athletics Committee meeting, Vice President of Student Affairs James Conneely reported a significant decrease in residence hall vandalism.

"I think the students have taken more responsibility for their community," Conneely said.

Conneely also outlined plans for University Housing during the meeting.

With residency up by approximately 200 students, Conneely said University Housing is re-evaluating how it serves the residents.

Conneely said the department is working on a housing plan that would create more flexibility for students by allowing them to live on campus during the break for internship or work purposes.

He said Housing is also looking

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Book Battle



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Forensic chemistry sophomore Amelia Noel, foreground, hands Adrienne Gilbert, a senior fitness and wellness major, her books at the ECU Bookstore Monday.



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Rachel Shoemaker, a sophomore athletic training major, gathers the books she will purchase for the spring semester at the ECU Bookstore Monday.

Locations compete for textbook sales

By TRACY HANEY
Editor

Armed with wrinkled class schedules in one hand and shopping baskets in the other, students made their way through the packed aisles of the ECU Bookstore on Monday.

Freshman Christy Hooks waited patiently in a checkout line that snaked its way to the back of the bookstore. She said she came after all of her classes were finished because she knew there would be a wait.

"You kind of expect it," Hooks said. "Everybody needs books."

Whether students are stopping at the ECU Bookstore between classes to buy their books, crossing the Eastern Bypass to University Book & Supply on Lancaster Avenue or ordering from the Web, this time of year adds up to big business for

textbook suppliers.

The ECU Bookstore, owned by Barnes & Noble, earns 70 percent of its yearly profits during the first week of the fall and spring semesters, said ECU Bookstore manager Linda Kenley.

"If you're not right that first week, you won't get it back," Kenley said.

After the start of the fall semester the bookstore began receiving a lot of re-orders for textbooks and a lot of negative comments from the faculty regarding their book orders, Kenley said. During a Faculty Senate meeting in October senate members addressed their concerns regarding the bookstore.

Alice Jones, senate member and associate geography professor, said she has had a lot of trouble with the bookstore in past years, including

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Labs canceled in Moore



Marcie McDowell/Progress

Sheila Cornette, a biological sciences office assistant, beats the heat with a fan while working in the Moore Building Tuesday afternoon. The unseasonably warm weather led to the almost 100-degree temperatures in parts of the building.

HIGH TEMPS LEAVE BUILDING UNCOMFORTABLE

By MEGAN HANSEN
Managing editor

It's only the beginning of the spring semester, but it feels like the middle of summer inside the Moore Building.

David Eakin, associate professor of biological science, told the Faculty Senate on Monday there were rooms in the Moore Building where the temperature had reached "almost 100 degrees."

The unseasonably warm weather has led to the heating problems in the Moore Building, said James Street, Director of Facility Services.

According to The Weather Channel's Web site, www.weather.com, the average temperature in January is 41 degrees. Wednesday's predicted high of 67 degrees is leaving Eastern faculty and students more

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Campus to discuss signs policy in forum

By MEGAN HANSEN
Managing editor

Students will have to use their right to free speech or they might lose it.

A campus-wide discussion has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building to discuss the right to free speech and expression on campus.

"It is important to protect free speech," said Lance Melching, Student Government Association President.

The discussion stems from a new housing policy implemented last summer that prohibited students from hanging or displaying anything in their dorm room windows unless it was pre-approved by the office of housing and residence life.

Several students considered the policy a violation of free speech. Students organized a free speech window sign protest.

A sign reading "Free Speech" was

produced and distributed to student groups and professors across campus. Between 3,000 and 4,000 "Free Speech" signs were hung in dorm room windows and office windows the Monday before Thanksgiving last semester.

When students returned to campus after the Thanksgiving break, they received an e-mail from University President Joanne Glasser announcing the window signs policy had been temporarily suspended.

"I was really pleased with how the President handled the situation," Melching said.

Within hours of Glasser finding out about the "Free Speech" window sign protest she took care of the situation, Melching said.

In the e-mail, Glasser said she tentatively suspended the housing regulation until she had "an opportunity for student input and discussion."

The upcoming forum was announced to students, faculty and

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Happenings

• FRIDAY

7 a.m.

There will be an interfaith unity breakfast in the faculty-dining lounge of the Powell Center as part of the MLK 2005 observance.

10:45 a.m.

There will be a Unity March and "Building on the Dream" groundbreaking ceremony for the Habitat for Humanity, beginning in front of the Coates Building and marching to St. Paul A.M.E. Church on Francis Street. Sponsored by ECU Multicultural Student Affairs.

• SUNDAY

6:30 p.m.

There will be a "Building on the Dream" service at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 436 Francis St., sponsored by the Habitat for Humanity.

• MONDAY

9:30 a.m.

Contribute II will be held as part of the ITDS Dreamweaver and Contribute Workshops.

6 p.m.

There will be a musical praise celebration and reception in the Brock Auditorium in the Coates Administration Building featuring campus and community choirs and speech readings.

• TUESDAY

8 a.m.

Intramural five-on-five basketball registration will be held in the Fitness and Wellness Center.

• WEDNESDAY

7 p.m.

A Concerto Concert will be held in the Gifford Theatre in the Campbell Building.

► News briefs

Nominations for teaching awards approaches deadline

The deadline for nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Awards is January 26. Each year, the ECU National Alumni Association recognizes two faculty members for their strong classroom performance and commitment to students.

All recognized ECU student organizations are invited to submit nominations. All nominations must be endorsed by

the nominee's department chair.

Contact Jackie Collier Ballinger, 622-1260 for information or a nomination form

Coin dealer featured as Civil War Round Table speaker

The Madison County Civil War Round Table will hold a dinner meeting on January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents Dining Room. Jeff Garrett, a nationally prominent

coin dealer from Lexington, will speak and evaluate any coins brought to the meeting.

The meeting is open to anyone. Call 624-2760 for dinner reservations.

"Rocky Horror" to be shown in Keen Johnson Ballroom

The "Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be shown in the Keen Johnson Ballroom on January 20 at 9 p.m.

It is part of the Thursday

Alternative Getaway, and admission is free.

Survey assessing computer software available online

ITDS has posted a student survey online to ask students about computer software, computer labs and Internet on campus. The survey can be found on ECU Direct. Prizes will be awarded to students who complete the survey in a drawing in mid-February.

Compiled by Bob Flynn

► Police beat

The following reports were filed with Eastern's Division of Public Safety between Dec. 3 and Dec. 16.

Dec. 3

A McGregor Hall resident and another person reported being assaulted.

Dec. 7

Christopher Bray of Louisville and Lauren Hall of Richmond were charged with the possession of alcohol by a minor.

Public Safety responded to Keene Hall for an arson investigation after the alarm system was activated. A burned ceiling tile was found near the east end of a hallway.

An officer discovered someone had removed the taillights from a vehicle in the Lancaster Lot. The owner of the vehicle was notified.

Dec. 8

Tyler Wells reported that barbecue sauce had been poured all over his parents' vehicle. One of the rear taillights was also found broken.

Stefanie Clines notified Public Safety that compact discs were stolen from her vehicle.

Barbara Shafer reported a vehicle doing damage to the lawn

after a basketball game.

Dec. 9

Bobbie Reynolds reported that her cell phone and a change purse containing five dollars were stolen from her vehicle.

A person reported a damaged hand railing in the Powell Building. The end of the rail was missing a section of wood.

A Walters Hall resident reported receiving a harassing telephone call.

A person reported there was a discharged fire extinguisher on the seventh floor of Palmer Hall. An officer was advised that student Sean Schomp discharged it. Schomp admitted to it and will be referred for disciplinary action.

Dec. 10

A Brockton resident reported being harassed by a fellow resident.

Dec. 11

Noland C. Phillips of Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Dec. 12

A Commonwealth Hall resident reported being assaulted by a number of males.

A person reported there was a

discharged fire extinguisher on the 13th floor of Commonwealth Hall.

An officer was sent to Keene Hall in reference to harassment.

A person reported a kicked-in door in Martin Hall.

Someone reported that a Commonwealth resident was assaulted in his room.

Public Safety responded to Commonwealth Hall in reference to arson. Two damaged ceiling tiles were discovered.

Dec. 13

Brandon Burgess and Jeff Roberts reported that their door had been kicked in and money was missing.

A person reported there was a damaged water fountain on the 12th floor of Commonwealth Hall.

Dec. 14

Sam Miller of Franklin, Ohio, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Someone reported a fire in stairwell B of Keene Hall. The fire was extinguished upon officers' arrival.

A person reported a multimedia projector missing from the Combs Building.

Jenna Yannone of Telford Hall reported that she discovered several items missing from her dorm room.

Mike Phelps reported that an unknown person or persons took a magnetic pizza sign from his vehicle in the Commonwealth lot.

A person reported that someone had unlawfully taken a vacuum cleaner belonging to Eastern from the Weaver Building.

Dec. 15

Nina Hensley reported that her vehicle was damaged in the Walters lot. The passenger's side window of her vehicle was cut to gain entry.

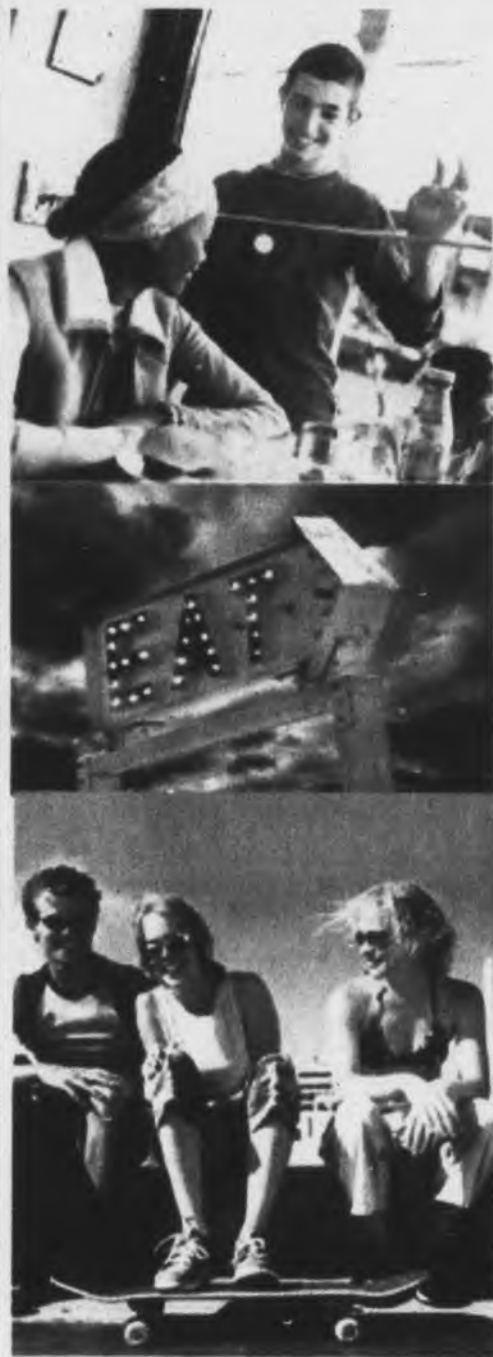
Kelsey Anderson, of Burnam Hall, reported that her laundry was missing from a dryer.

Dec. 16

Steve Greenwell reported that Martin Hall resident Ronald Marion's X-Box game system had been taken.

Jessica Wood of Keene Hall reported that someone had borrowed items without permission and had not returned them.

Compiled by Megan Jones



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BOOKSTORE: Faculty concerns addressed after problems during fall semester

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ing the bookstore not ordering enough books or the right books.

"There was an avalanche of problems at the beginning of last semester," Jones said. "(The bookstore has) made a real effort to address those problems."

Kenley said after the complaints from the senate and other faculty, the bookstore began to re-evaluate how it operated.

Some of the improvements made by the bookstore included talking individually with 27 departments about the problems, ordering 100 percent of the number of books professors were requesting, limiting the number of people entering textbook orders into the system to ensure accuracy and checking individually with professors who had not placed book orders, Kenley said.

This semester, students can now also pre-order their books online and pick them up at a less crowded location in the Powell Building, she added.

This semester, 95 percent of textbook orders were on the shelves for students at the

start of classes, Kenley said.

"I believe we are meeting the needs of the students," she said. "Not only are we fulfilling those orders, but we are also online now. We are making more and more services available."

Despite improvements, Jones said the bookstore isn't necessarily the best place to go to buy textbooks.

"Books are very expensive," Jones said. "If I were a student now, I would probably be looking at places like half.com and Wallace's before I even walked into a bookstore."

Jones said she's had students tell her they only buy textbooks as a last resort and often turn to the Internet or to friends who have already taken the class as a less expensive way to get books.

Jones said students can also save money by purchasing old editions of textbooks, but warns it is up to the students to make sure they find the differences between the old version and the new.

Joey Jaspersen, a freshman police studies major, said he checks the prices of books at both the university bookstore

and UBS before he purchases his textbooks.

"UBS usually has a lot more used books," Jaspersen said. "Both places seem just as eager to serve and help you."

UBS manager Becky Coyle said part of the store's appeal is the number of used books it carries.

"We want our students to save money," Coyle said. "A used book will save the students a tremendous amount of money."

Coyle said other appeals of UBS include convenient parking and short lines.

Vice President of Student Affairs James Conneely told Faculty Senate Monday the line to purchase textbooks at the ECU Bookstore was averaging 10 minutes.

After purchasing her textbooks on Monday, freshman occupational therapy major Nikki Denson said she waited about 30 minutes to get through the line.

She said her reason for choosing the university bookstore to purchase her books is it's the only location she can use her financial aid book voucher.

She was only able to purchase one used book and spent \$1.25 more than her \$500 voucher.

Sophomore interior design major Emily Boggs said she shops at both the university bookstore and UBS depending on which is closest. When she walked into the university bookstore Monday, Boggs said she was expecting the long line.

She was able to get all the books she needed for her classes at the university bookstore.

"None of them were used so that was a little disappointing," she added.

Liz Boaz, a junior history teaching major, said she usually avoids the bookstores altogether by going to Web sites like half.com or ecampus.com to order her books.

"They're cheaper," Boaz said, adding sometimes it is not worth buying books online after you factor in the shipping cost.

Kenley suggested students who want to avoid the crowd during the first week of classes purchase their books in advance at the end of the pre-



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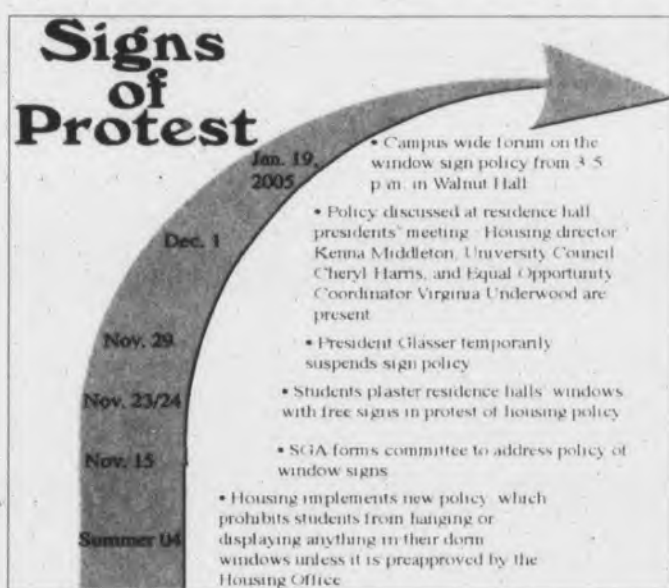
Sarah Otto, a junior police studies major, waits in line to buy her textbooks at University Book & Supply Monday evening.

vious semester.

Kenley said 70 percent of the textbooks for the upcoming semester are on the

shelves by finals week.

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FORUM: Panelists to answer questions concerning First Amendment rights

Chris Gabel/Progress

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staff in an e-mail on Dec. 9 from Glasser.

"An institution of higher learning, as a marketplace of ideas, holds an important place in protecting this freedom and in recognizing and respecting others," Glasser said in the Dec. 9 e-mail.

During the forum on Wednesday, faculty, staff and students will be able to ask questions of the panelists and to add to the discussion.

Panelists will include: James Chapman, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Cheryl Harris, University Counsel; Melching; Carolyn Siegel, chair of the Faculty Senate; Lisa Laird, chair of the Staff Council, and Paul Salamanca, professor of law at

the University of Kentucky.

Salamanca is the James and Mary Lassiter Associate Professor of Law at UK and an authority on constitutional law and the First Amendment.

"I think Salamanca will be very interesting," Melching said. "This forum is a great opportunity for students to see where all campus communities stand on the issue."

The single most important aspect of the discussion is that participants in the forum leave with a sense of community and understanding all the issues of the discussion, Melching said.

"I hope we arrive at a meaningful decision that pleases everyone," he said.

Melching hopes the forum leads to a less restrictive window signs policy.

It is important for commu-

er students to attend the forum as well as on-campus students, Melching said.

"While it is only a housing policy, it does set the tone for free speech on this campus," he said. "It will have implications beyond just the housing policy."

The forum will be a good opportunity for students to become more informed citizens both on campus and in their communities, Melching said.

Melching is pleased with the steps the university is taking in getting student involvement concerning free speech.

"It's up to us students to get out there and get our voices heard."

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Just a note

The forum on the signs policy will be held from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday in Walnut Hall in the Keen Johnson Building.

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Preparing for disaster

Kentucky ready in case of biohazard emergency

By KASEY DOYLE
News editor

Three years after 9/11, terrorist attacks are still a major concern for the United States. According to the Department of Homeland Security Web site, the country remains at an elevated, Code Yellow, risk for terrorist attacks.

Since the attacks on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon, studies have been conducted to evaluate the nation's preparedness for these attacks. In a recent study released by the Trust for America's Health, states were evaluated on just how prepared they are to respond to a bioterrorism emergency.

According to the study, Kentucky is more ready now to respond to bioterrorism attack or public health emergencies than in 2003. The report, issued last month, stated Kentucky achieved seven out of 10 of the criteria used to measure states' preparedness.

"Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health in the Age of Bioterrorism — 2004" examined 10 criteria to test individual states' ability to respond to bioterrorism attacks and health emergencies.

"(Kentucky) was slightly ahead of the rest of the pack," said Michael Earls, public affairs associate of TFAH and co-author of the report.

Kentucky is one of eight states to receive a seven out of 10.

According to the report, more than two-thirds of states and the District of Columbia scored a six or less. Florida and North Carolina scored the highest, nine out of 10, and Alaska and Massachusetts scored the lowest, three out of 10.

Kentucky scored points on seven indicators:

- State spending on public health increased or was maintained
- Local concurrence with state's bioterror preparedness plan
- Has less than 25 percent of public health workforce eligible to retire within five years
- Has enough lab scientists to test for anthrax or plague
- Has legal authority to quarantine
- Increased flu vaccination rates in adults over 65 from 2002 to 2003
- Has a pandemic flu plan.

Earls said, Kentucky gained five points from a similar report issued in 2003, in which the state only met two of the criteria.

"Kentucky should be commended for that," Earls said.

He said the report is a snapshot of states' preparedness, and the information for the report was gathered by surveys and publicly available data from the Centers for Disease Control.

Earls said progress in bioterrorism preparedness has been made, but it has been incremental. The study was issued to show states where to refocus their efforts.

"Every state should be striving to receive a 10 out of 10," Earls said.

According to the report, coordination among the different levels of government — federal, state and local — is essential in the event of an emergency, particularly a major or widespread emergency.

"Since 9/11 everyone's awareness has increased," said Michael Bryant, director of the Chemical Stockpile Evacuation Preparedness Program in Madison County.

Madison County is home to the Bluegrass Army Depot, and Kentucky is one of eight states to have a chemical depot. This facility houses three types of chemical agents: a blister agent and two nerve agents.

CSEPP is in charge of providing protection of personnel involved in the disposal of these agents, and providing protection for the general public and environment.

Bryant said CSEPP is constantly trying to educate the public on biohazard prepared-

ness. "It is a never-ending job," he said. "We want to make sure the public is safe."

Bryant said in a biohazard emergency, residents will be asked to either evacuate or follow the "shelter-in-place" procedure at the army's recommendation.

In a "shelter-in-place" emergency, residents will be told to stay indoors and find a room with very few windows and doors. They will be asked to cover the windows and doors with plastic and duct tape and listen for further instructions. Bryant said residents could be asked to stay inside for two or three hours.

Madison County is also divided into 13 zones in case of an emergency that requires evacuation. Bryant said the zones determine what kind of action to take in a biohazard emergency.

"It is vitally important that everybody know what zone they live in," Bryant said.

He said residents should know the evacuation plan for the zones they live, work and go to school in.

He also said it is important to know all roads out of that zone and be aware of what roads to avoid.

Bryant said CSEPP has issued tone alert radios to Madison County residents, and there are 29 outdoor sirens to warn residents of emergencies. Shelter-in-place kits are also available, as well as a calendar with information about preparedness.

He said it is important to discuss the evacuation and "shelter-in-place" plans with family and work out a family plan.

He said residents should know what local radio stations to listen to. He also said to store bottled water and to have a radio with batteries.

Although many residents know the plans for biohazard emergencies, some Eastern students are not aware of the procedures.

Rachel Brown, a sophomore elementary education and juvenile justice major

How prepared is the Bluegrass?

Trust for America's Health conducted a national study to investigate how prepared each state is to deal with a bioterrorism attack. States were scored on a scale of one through 10, one being the least prepared, 10, being the most prepared. Kentucky scored a seven in the study "Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health in the Age of Bioterrorism — 2004."



Chris Gable/Progress

Evacuating Madison County

Madison County is divided into 13 zones for evacuation in case of a chemical spill at the Bluegrass Army Depot. If there is a spill, residents will be notified if the zone they live in is going to be evacuated or if they need to take shelter in their home.



Chris Gable/Progress

from Paintsville, said she doesn't know the biohazard procedures for Richmond.

"I've never really had anyone sit down and talk to me about it," she said.

Laken Decker, a freshman from Eminence, also said she doesn't know the procedures.

"I was completely clueless that there was anything like (the Bluegrass Army Depot) in Kentucky ... The sound of it is actually pretty scary."

Earls said the preparedness report focused on a government level, but he said individuals should know local health department officials and government officials.

He said in the future the goal is to "strengthen preparedness across the board and across all states."


Bryant said CSEPP and the depot hold regular exercises to train for biohazard emergencies.

"Our philosophy here is to try to prepare for the unexpected," he said.

For more information on the preparedness plan contact the Madison County CSEPP at 624-4787.

For more information about the Trust for America's Health report visit <http://healthyamericans.org/reports/bioterror04/>.

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Jey Marks was given the opportunity to become the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs during the break. Marks received his

undergraduate degree from Eastern and has worked for the university for the past 10 years.

Roger Lee Osborne/Progress

Alumni get new leadership

MARKS EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUED WORK AT ECU

By MEGAN JONES
Assistant news editor

Over winter break, Jey Marks had a decision to make.

He was offered the position of Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs when former Assistant Director Laurel Martin resigned. Martin took a position at the University of Kentucky two weeks prior to the end of the semester. Marks decided against accepting the position right away in order to have more time to think about it over the holiday season.

"I decided it was the right time to make a change in my life," Marks said. "So I said yes."

Personal growth and posi-

tive change were the factors behind his decision to accept the position. Marks was previously in charge of the Powell Student Center for two years, the ID card project since it was implemented last semester and Greek affairs for four years.

Marks has worked for Eastern for the past 10 years. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration at Eastern and was involved in several activities during his college career. He was an Eastern cheerleader for three years and eventually became captain. Marks was also an orientation leader. When asked to work for Eastern after graduation, he was excited about coming back.

In exchange for the new

"I want to motivate the alumni to get involved."

—Jey Marks
Assistant director of alumni affairs

role as assistant director, he will be giving up several of his prior responsibilities including his supervision over the Powell Student Center and four other jobs, including the ID card program, involvement in Student Life special events, like Homecoming and Greek affairs. There will be three other people to take over the responsibilities Marks left behind.

"It will be interesting to see how things will turn out,"

Marks added.

As the new assistant director of alumni relations he will be in charge of all the alumni chapters in the United States and will work with Associate Vice President of University Development Joey Foster in respect to fund-raising events.

"I'm excited about opening doors with individuals I've known," Marks said. "I want to motivate the alumni to get involved."

He also added he could maybe see himself working at Eastern for five or 10 more years in the future.

"I love this university," Marks said. "It's becoming much more student focused, and it's progressively getting better for the students. Happiness is the key to everything. It doesn't matter how many hours you work, if you don't have that passion for what you do, then you're in the wrong job."

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Faculty Senate digs plan for new archeology minor

By MEGAN HANSEN
Managing editor

A new minor at Eastern will be digging up some excitement for some students.

The Faculty Senate endorsed a plan from the department of anthropology, sociology and social work to add an archaeology minor to the department during Monday's monthly meeting. The minor will be part of the anthropology program.

The department of anthropology, sociology and social work hopes to have the new minor in place by the fall 2005 semester. The new minor will not have any operating expenses, according to the curriculum change form given to the Faculty Senate.

The courses needed to obtain a minor in archaeology are already present in the department, and the new minor would allow non-anthropology majors to specialize in archaeology and have it recognized as a minor, the department explained in the curriculum change form.

In order to minor in archaeology students will have to complete a total of 18 hours of selected anthropology classes.

In other business: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs James Chapman updated the Faculty Senate on the current progress for the Southern Accreditation of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation.

"This is a transition semester," Chapman said. "We need three semesters of data for SACS."

Chapman said as the SACS data is being studied, there are some deficiencies in the data that were discovered. Some faculty members have been asked for the same information for the SACS data multiple times.

"We need these materials," Chapman said. "I regret we have to ask for this multiple times."

A faculty database is being formed to hopefully solve the problems of asking faculty members for the same data multiple times.

"We are in this together," Chapman told the Faculty Senate.

Bart Meyer, Vice President for University Advancement told the Faculty Senate that gifts and pledges to the university last year reached the \$10 million.

"Of that \$10 million, \$5.6 million will go to scholarships and enrichment, \$1.3 million will go to faculty grants and \$3.1 will go to campus improvement," Meyer said.

The money the university raised in the Bucks for Brains program will be matched by the state, Meyer said.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the South Ballroom of the Keen Johnson Building.

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Tricked out

Tom Miller, a junior at Model Lab School, skateboarded in The Ravine Amphitheater Monday evening. According to the Public Safety Web site, skateboarding, rollerblading and rollerskating are prohibited in all campus areas.

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Tracy Haney, editor

Miles to Go

Book-buying process expensive, inconvenient

Buying textbooks is a part of every college student's life. The beginning of each semester has most of us dreading the long lines and high prices at the bookstore, but it is something we deal with because we need the books for classes.

The EKU Bookstore has made a lot of improvements from last semester by adding the faculty hotline, moving pre-ordered textbook pickups to the Powell Building and instituting online book ordering, but we hope the changes don't stop there.

A consistent problem every semester at the EKU Bookstore is the long lines students wait through to pay for their books. Students who have had experience with the chaos of the bookstore usually try to buy their books early or wait until after the first-week rush. Others simply wait the 30-45 minutes it sometimes takes to make it from the back of the store to the checkout counters.

There are other ways to purchase textbooks such as ordering them online or visiting off-campus bookstores, but many students are obligated to shop at the EKU Bookstore because of their financial aid vouchers. This, along with the convenient location of the bookstore, makes it the most likely place for students to turn for textbook purchases. However, if the bookstore is expecting such a high number of customers the first week of classes, it should be better prepared to accommodate them.

This may mean bringing in additional cash registers for the beginning of the semester or simply offering more incentive for students to pre-order their books or buy them at the end of the previous semester. Students should not be left to suffer through long lines just to ensure they have the required texts for their next class.

The bookstore has also had a continual problem of not having enough used textbooks on the shelves. The bookstore may be trying very hard to find the lowest priced books, but used texts are almost



Jason Lee/Progress

always going to be less expensive and are preferred by most students.

With 95 percent of the book orders on the shelves and ready for students the first day of classes, the bookstore has done a commendable job at meeting the demand for textbooks. The next step should be to find more ways to make the book-buying process a less expensive, less time-consuming experience.

► News Quiz

OK, boys and girls. It's time to test your knowledge of what's going on at Eastern. If you don't know the answers, don't worry. Just go to www.easternprogress.com and you can cheat.

A forum is scheduled to discuss what issue?

- a) Eastern's spring concert
- b) Nasty cafeteria food
- c) Free speech and expression

Labs in the Moore building were cancelled due to what?

- a) A major chemical explosion
- b) Heating problems
- c) An infestation of lab mice

Jey Marks accepted what position at Eastern?

- a) Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs
- b) Colonel mascot
- c) English professor



Marcie McDowell/Progress

What is this receipt for?

- a) A ticket to a Dance Theater performance
- b) Textbooks
- c) President Glasser's newest suit

► Campus Comments

The Bluegrass Army Depot is just miles from campus. The Studio editor Brittney Haynes asked students what they would do if there were a chemical spill.



SHAWN RANSOM

I guess hope for the best and try to seek shelter.

Hometown: Paris
Major: Physical education
Year: Junior



LINDSAY CONLEY

I'd never come back here again.

Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
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Year: Freshman



BRAD MATTHEWS

Nothing.

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I would leave Richmond quickly.

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Dream becomes reality for Progress editor



My Turn
Tracy Haney

Welcome back everyone. I am glad to see all of you reading the first edition of The Eastern Progress. I hope it becomes not only a hope as the weeks continue, but a necessity of your Thursday mornings.

This first edition of the spring semester marks the beginning of my fifth semester at The Progress and my first semester as editor.

It was exactly two years ago that I began as a freshman copy editor, eager to learn about journalism and The Progress.

I went on to hold the positions of Accent editor and managing editor, and now editor, but one thing has always remained the same - The

“When I joined The Progress two years ago, becoming the editor was merely a dream.”

—Tracy Haney
Editor

Progress is home.

In my two years at the newspaper I have grown so much as a reporter and a writer, but beyond that I have become a part of a family and have made friends I know I will keep for a lifetime.

The Progress has a lot of new faces this semester and I am very excited to have all of them onboard. They represent the future of the newspaper and, with that said, I know The Progress will continue to be an award-winning newspaper that meets the needs of its readers.

We also have a new adviser

this semester, journalism professor Elizabeth Hansen.

As my academic adviser, Hansen has always guided me in the right direction, and I know she will do a great job guiding The Progress and taking our campus newspaper to new heights.

We are very lucky to have her, and I hope she is able to learn as much about The Progress from us as I know we will learn about journalism from her.

This My Turn column would not be complete without giving a special thanks to former editor, Adam Baker.

We both stepped into leadership roles together last semester. It was a tough road, but somehow we were able to make it through the many challenges. I have learned a lot from him about journalism and about being a stronger person. I have very tough shoes to fill in his absence, but I hope The Progress will make him proud when he picks it up on Thursday mornings.

When I joined The Progress two years ago, becoming the editor was merely a dream.

I worked very hard to make that dream come true, and now that it has, I have set a new goal: to produce a newspaper that not only The Progress, but the entire campus can take pride in.

I couldn't ask for a better staff to help in achieving this goal, and I hope you, the readers, continue to pick up The Progress at the newsstands or read us online at www.easternprogress.com.

Tracy is a junior journalism major from Lexington. She is the editor of the Progress.

Student health official offers folic acid program to campus residents



My Turn
Pradeep Bose

pregnancy to term.

It seems reasonable then, for all women of childbearing potential to routinely take a daily supplement of folic acid at 400 mcg per day.

The state of Kentucky, through local health departments, is promoting a program to do just that.

The Student Health Services, in collaboration with Madison County Health Department, is offering an educational program on this subject and an entire year's supply of multivitamins free of charge to all female students of childbearing potential.

The supplement contains 100 percent of the recommended daily allowance for most of the vitamins and 400 mcg of folic acid.

All female students who are 45 years of age or younger and who have not had a hysterectomy or bilateral oophorectomy (surgical removal of the uterus and/or both ovaries) are eligible.

The Student Health Services will coordinate with RA's to hold classes after 5 p.m. in the residence hall lobbies on several different days and distribute the vitamin supplements right after.

Attendance in one of the classes is required to take advantage of the free vitamins because there is a mandatory counseling component to the program.

The classes should be no more than 15 minutes in length, with time for questions and answers.

Please bring a valid student ID to the class since we can only serve currently registered Eastern students.

Participation is highly encouraged by all of the doctors and nurses at the Student Health Services.

Pradeep Bose is the director of Student Health Services.

Progress provides open forum for students



My Turn
Elizabeth Hansen

Progress is the first produced with me as the faculty adviser.

I've had many ties to The Progress over the years, serving on its advisory board and teaching journalism students news writing, reporting, feature writing, media law, media ethics, and community journalism—skills and knowledge they've practiced and used as Progress staffers before moving on to other newspapers or careers outside journalism.

I've often described The Progress as a community newspaper. It certainly fits journalist Jock Lauterer's definition of community newspapers: "Papers with circulations of up to 50,000, which strive to provide high-quality, local-intensive coverage to their communities (whether they be communities of place, of idea, of interest, of faith or of ethnicity)..."

With a circulation of 10,000, The Progress is one of the larger-circulation weekly newspapers in Kentucky.

Its community is Eastern Kentucky University and its

“The Progress fulfills its First Amendment obligations by informing the Eastern community...”

—Elizabeth Hansen
Adviser

editors and staff strive to provide high-quality coverage of that community.

As both a community newspaper and a campus newspaper at a public university, The Progress enjoys the free press protection of the First Amendment.

But with freedom comes

responsibility.

The Progress fulfills its First Amendment obligations by informing the Eastern community, providing a public forum for discussion of campus issues and serving as a watchdog to monitor the activities of the university's administration.

The Progress also serves as a laboratory where students apply lessons learned in the classroom.

As the adviser, my job is to advise—and teach—the staff, not to dictate content or presentation.

The students and I may make mistakes at times—that's part of the learning process. But we won't make the mistake of forgetting The Progress is a student-run community newspaper.

At The Progress, as elsewhere on Eastern's campus, students and learning come first.

Elizabeth Hansen is a journalism professor from Lexington. She is the adviser of The Progress.

Corrections

The Eastern Progress will publish clarifications and corrections as needed on the Perspective pages.

If you have a correction, please send it to the editor by noon Monday before publication on Thursday.

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Morning rush

Students rushed through the coffee shop and Internet lounge on the main floor of the Crabbe Library Wednesday morning. Many students stopped by to grab a cup of coffee before heading off to class for the day.

E-mail attachments blocked

By BOB FLYNN
News writer

Last fall many Eastern students were plagued with university e-mail accounts clogged by unsolicited e-mail, many containing viruses.

But relief may be on the way, said Ed Riley, systems and network manager for Information Technology and Delivery Services.

ITDS replaced the TronMicro virus scanning system it had used the past three years with a Symantec virus blocking system, Riley said. Most of the virus problems on campus computers last fall came from zip files attached to e-mails.

"People are constantly finding new ways to get around the virus scans," Riley said.

He said one way was to put it in a zip file and assign a password to it. They would put the password in the e-mail and when the recipient opened it the virus was downloaded on the machine.

When the TronMicro system was unable to read a zip file, it would automatically let it through. Riley said, the new Symantec system is better because it automatically blocks any zip file that it is unable to read, thus reducing the chance of a virus getting through. With



Photo illustration by Brooke Rasor

E-mail attachments are blocked when the Symantec virus blocking systems determines there is a virus in the attachment.

Symantec, ITDS has the ability to make adjustments allowing the infected attachments to be blocked while allowing legitimate attachments through.

"The last couple of years were really bad with viruses and the whole industry has tried to get a handle on it," Riley said.

The virus problem was so bad that the Perfigo Smart Enforcer system was installed in all the residence halls last year.

"The year before we put Perfigo in the halls, the virus traffic was so bad it was overloading and shutting down the whole building," Riley said. "We are getting ready to update Perfigo right after the Martin Luther King Holiday. It should be up and running when the students get back."

Riley said ITDS is also working on getting an anti-spam solution in place for both students, faculty and staff, that should block more of the spam.

According to Riley, one of the biggest problems in the residence halls is from ad ware on student computers. Ad ware are tracking programs attached to computers while the students are surfing the Internet. The ad ware allows servers to monitor the activity on the computer and is a source of much of the spam.

ITDS is advising students to download one of the free cleaning programs such as Spybot or Ad aware to erase the ad ware from their computers.

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Fletcher visits ECU to present jobs plan

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Gov. Ernie Fletcher will speak at 9 a.m. on Friday in the Student Service Building Auditorium as part of his state-wide public forums discussing his JOBS for Kentucky Plan.

The forum will be in a town hall setting and all members of the campus community are invited to attend.

The presentation will include an interactive portion as well as a question and answer session.

There will be members of state legislators and economists on a panel of experts to answer questions audience members have.

There are 12 other forums similar to the one on campus throughout the week across the state. Fletcher will speak at six of the events.

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HEAT: Extensive heat forces cancellation of BIO lab

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than just uncomfortable.

The department of biological sciences decided to cancel all biology 100 labs this week due to the heat.

"The heat was above 90 degrees in some of our labs," said Barbara Ramey, chair of the department of biological sciences.

She said Eakin thought the heat was an unhealthy situation for students to be in the labs with the extreme heat.

Ramey said the department has reduced the length of other labs this week due to the heat and have canceled others.

"We are experiencing changes in our class schedules due to the heat," she said.

The temperature in the

Moore Building varies from floor to floor. The first floor is more tolerable than the second and third floors, Ramey said.

Besides having to cancel labs, the department of biological sciences is experiencing other effects from the heat in the Moore Building.

"It is having an effect on the equipment and experiments faculty members are conducting," Ramey said. "Regular experiments can't go on due to the heat."

Facility Services has done everything possible to fix the heat problem, Street said.

"We shut off the heat in the Moore Building completely last week," he said. "We turned off the valve that sends heat to that building last Tuesday."

Street explained that some

of the campus buildings are heated by a single pipe system and once the heat is on in a building, only heat can be supplied to that building until the air conditioning is turned on again in the spring.

"The way the heating system works is the whole building is heated up," he said. "The building itself is holding heat."

The buildings are forced to operate at a temperature 30 degrees warmer than they were designed to operate at with temperatures being so warm, Street said. The warmer temperatures will make it difficult for the building to cool down.

"We are trying to get the building cool now, but come Thursday or Friday we are going to be scrambling to get

the heat back on in the buildings that we turned it off in," Street said.

The age of the heating system leads to the problems that parts of campus experience. Facility Services does everything they can to take care of problems when they arise, he said.

Ramey knows Facility Services is doing everything to resolve the heat problem but she hopes the problem is fixed soon because of the effects the heat is having on the equipment in her department.

"Nobody would like for me to be able to cool things down more than me," Street said. "I wish we could do more."

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HOUSING: Changes in visitation policy possible

From Page A1

into a series of programs to help develop community in the residence halls. Housing is also looking into installing card proximity readers rather than the card-swipe security system, which is said to wear out easily, Conneely said.

Conneely said Housing is also in the process of revising and improving the visitation policy that will give students more freedom, but also add an increased responsibility as if they were living on their own.

He added he has high hopes of upgrading facilities to meet the needs of students and spark the interest of those entering the university.

Eastern is also looking to

revise the gender equity and minorities opportunities plan for the athletics department, both determined to be insufficient by the Athletics administration, said Larry Collins, an associate professor in loss prevention and safety, and chair of the committee created to assess Eastern athletics.

Collins said a self-study of Eastern will be conducted and the results will be presented in a final report to the NCAA.

Also Monday, Student Government Association President Lance Melching presented changes to the SGA constitution to the committee, which later voted to support the revisions.

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MISSION: JOB POSSIBLE

In-demand careers, majors mean dollars for graduates

By STEPHANIE SCHELL
Accent editor

Graduation can be bitter-sweet. The burden of school responsibilities is lifted — no more final exams or homework. But, receiving a diploma can be scary for many new graduates. With a questionable economy and disintegrating work force, stepping out into the real world can be frustrating when one has worked hard for a degree with nowhere to make use of it.

Class of 2005

With rumors of a dying economy and American jobs being shipped overseas, seeking a college degree can seem irrelevant these days. Upcoming graduates do not fret.

According to jobweb.com and the Job Outlook Survey 2005 conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, it looks as if more hiring will be done in 2005 than last year.

Employers are also expected to offer higher salaries to new hires than last year.

The nation-wide survey shows the top 10 most in-demand college degrees for employers for 2005:

1. Accounting
2. Electrical engineer
3. Mechanical engineer
4. Business administration/management
5. Economics/finance
6. Computer science
7. Computer engineer
8. Marketing/marketing management
9. Chemical engineer
10. Information sciences and systems

Beyond 2005

Although the top 10 list is for 2005, Laura Melius, director of career services, said some jobs on and off the top 10 list are in high demand and may stay that way for a while.

"The NACE survey is primarily for members of NACE," Melius said.

The members of NACE are typically large organizations with massive hire rates large enough to make the in-demand list.

Degrees that made the NACE 2005 top 10 list predicted to be in demand for a while:

- Economics
- Sales/marketing
- Computer engineer work

Degrees that did not make the NACE 2005 top 10 list predicted to be in demand for a while:

- Manufacturing industries (robotic repairs and the like)
- Law enforcement
- Nursing
- Teaching
- Government jobs

Flexibility is key

Melius said the jobs not on the 2005 NACE list, but still in demand, is result of large organizations in large communities submitting higher numbers than that of smaller communities. Melius believes these jobs will be in demand throughout the state or possibly nation wide depending on the flexibility of the graduate.

"The more flexible geographically (the student is) there is more opportunity," Melius said.

Jobs such as teaching, nursing and law enforcement will continue to be in demand nationally and locally.

Class of 2006? 08? 10?

Those beginning their college career or those who are not graduating within the year may want to consider looking into the 10 fastest growing occupations through 2012,

according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the BLS, the following occupations are projected to see these percent age increases in new hires by 2012:

1. Medical assistants — 59 percent
2. Network systems and data communications analysts — 57 percent
3. Physicians assistants — 49 percent
4. Social and human service assistants — 49 percent
5. Home health aides — 48 percent
6. Medical records and health information technicians — 47 percent
7. Physical therapist aides — 46 percent
8. Computer software engineers, applications — 46 percent
9. Computer software engineers, systems software — 45 percent
10. Physical therapists assistants — 45 percent

What the future holds

Melius said by the financial state of the nation improving, budgets are being raised allowing room for raises in pay and staff in some career fields. Retirement is a factor in hiring rates, Melius said. This is good news for recent and soon-to-be graduates.

If the financial pattern of the country continues, graduates of the future should find this information to be good news as well.

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Top 10 enrolled majors at ECU (fall 2004)

1. Nursing — 1,490
2. Elementary education and teaching — 774
3. Criminal justice/ law enforcement — 558
4. Psychology — 370
5. Forensic science and technology — 322
6. Social work — 276
7. Occupational therapy — 262
8. Studio/fine arts — 255
9. Biological science — 231
10. Fire protection and safety technicians — 226

Source: Bogdan Ratiu, assistant director of research at ECU

Top 10 qualifications/skills employers want

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Honesty/integrity
- Interpersonal skills
- Strong work ethic
- Teamwork skills
- Analytical skills
- Motivation/initiative
- Flexibility/adaptability
- Computer skills
- Detail oriented

Information provided by jobweb.com

Do looks influence an employers opinion?

	No influence	Slight influence	Strong influence
Grooming	7%	23%	70%
Nontraditional interview attire	13%	38%	49%
Nontraditional hair color	27%	41%	32%
Body piercing	25%	43%	32%
Handshake	28%	44%	28%
Obvious tattoos	24%	48%	28%
Unusual hairstyle	33%	45%	22%
Earring (male)	49%	37%	14%
Beard	78%	19%	3%
Mustache	88%	11%	1%

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Carrie Harris, editor

Cashing in on charisma

Students can win money for showing school spirit

By Carrie Harris
Around&About editor

Thanks to the Colonel Spirit Challenge, displaying EKV pride is all it takes for student organizations to earn extra cash this basketball season.

The Colonel Spirit Challenge is a concept that Student Body President Lance Melching adapted from another school. It allows registered student organizations to get points for attending sporting events as a group of 10 or more. The points then turn into cash that gets deposited into their organizational account.

"It's a win-win investment," Melching said. "We invest money in the student organizations, but they work for it by coming to games."

He said that having the challengers at games will really "help develop a better atmosphere, which will go a long way."

The challenge started last fall with football and volleyball. Because most of the fans at football games are Richmond residents rather than Eastern students, not much difference in attendance was shown, according to Melching. At the volleyball games, however, a definite increase could be felt.

Most of the challengers so



Progress File Photo

Eastern students show their support for EKV basketball by coming to cheer on the Colonels during home games. The Colonel Spirit Challenge can turn this support into a profit.

far have been Greek. In the fall, Theta Chi won the majority of the cash, ending up with a total of \$805, and Sigma Nu followed close behind with \$560. In the future, Melching hopes to expand the challenge into two different branches, designating one for Greek life and the second for other organizations. With enough participation, the challenge could also grow to include all home games, instead of a select few.

"This has potential to become an intense competition," Melching said.

Tremendous support has been received from administration so far, and Melching is excited to see if basketball season ends as well as volleyball and football. He is also eager to get the challenge for baseball season under way.

In order to participate in the

Just a note

The next Colonel Spirit Challenge will take place on Jan. 20, during the double-header women's and men's basketball games against Jacksonville State beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Coliseum.

Colonel Spirit Challenge, all a group has to do is register their organization with the judges before the game, display a sign identifying their organization, and then try to prove that they have the most school spirit.

Organizations will be evaluated based on the number of members present in their group, the excitement shown by the group, the group's spirit wear and decoration, the signs made and the duration of spirit displayed.

The judging panel consists

of members of the Student Government Association, Athletic Department, Alumni Relations, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs.

For a more detailed look at the rules of the Colonel Spirit Challenge, and complete schedule, packets containing the information can be found in front of the Student Government Association's office in the Powell Building.

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Female governor to 'lead women' at Arlington lunch

By Carrie Harris
Around&About editor

The Women Leading Kentucky Network will hold its monthly roundtable luncheon in Richmond on Jan. 20. This is the first time the event will take place in Richmond.

This month's featured speaker will be former Gov. Martha Layne Collins, the only female to govern Kentucky.

"We choose women considered to be role models. They are meant to inspire," Janet Holloway, one of the Women Leading Kentucky Network's co-founders, said.

Gov. Collins is considered to be such a role model by the network that they began presenting an award in her name.

"The award recognizes an individual Kentucky woman of achievement who inspires and motivates other women through their personal, community and professional lives," according to the network's Web site, www.womenleadingky.com.

Only 50 people are permitted to attend the luncheon in order to allow one on one time between speakers and guests. "Women Leading Kentucky is not about quantity; we purposely try to keep our events small, allowing people to have face time with our speakers, sponsors, resource experts and with each other," the Web site says.

Women Leading Kentucky was founded by several men and women in 2000, along with

"We choose women considered to be role models. They are meant to inspire."

—Janet Holloway
Network Co-founder

Holloway. They wanted to create a business, with leadership opportunities and scholarships for women.

"Growing up in West Virginia, I was given a lot of opportunities, and I want to be able to give that back to women so they can advance in their leadership capabilities," Holloway said.

In order to attend these luncheons, a pre-registration is required along with a \$70 fee. The fee also includes entrance into the Feb. 17 conference and the March 17 conference. All three conferences will be held at the Arlington House in Richmond.

In February the speakers are scheduled to be Jacqueline Smith and Deborah Dyer, who, together, started "Kentucky's first independent clinical drug research facility." Donna Moore, "the face of Kentucky Educational Television," will speak in March.

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Who's That?

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Farms director living his dreams

By KELLY ETHEREDGE
Who's That? editor

As he walked outside on one of the coldest days Richmond has had so far this winter, Jim Larsgaard seemed at home.

"This isn't cold," he said, his breath making smoke in the chilly air.

Larsgaard is from North Dakota, where winters are extremely cold. He still owns the land he farmed there for twenty years.

Larsgaard is the director of university farms at Eastern. He oversees the operations at Eastern's farm, Meadowbrook, which has one of the top-producing dairy herds in the state.

Meadowbrook isn't only a dairy farm. It is also home to several swine, goats and a few sheep, and it produces about 300 acres of corn and about 100 acres of hay every year.

According to Larsgaard, Meadowbrook is a fairly large working farm. Its main function is to serve as a laboratory for the Department of Agriculture.

Larsgaard's main jobs for the farm are to manage the day-to-day financial affairs and to order bulk feedstuffs. The amount of time he spends at the farm varies from one day a week to four days a week.

Every Friday morning at 8 a.m. he meets with the farm's division managers to discuss operations.

Larsgaard is also a faculty member in the agriculture department.

"I'm in my ideal posi-



Brooke Rasor/Progress

Jim Larsgaard is proud of the performance of Meadowbrook, the farm owned by Eastern. It's one of the top-producing dairy farms in the state, as was well as home to several swine, goats and sheep.

tion because I very much like teaching, but farm management is also a passion of mine," he said.

The long hours he puts in reflect his passion for his work. His position calls for

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but Larsgaard usually starts at 7 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. or later.

"I have the opportunity and the enjoyment of being here the extra hours," he said jok-

Jim Larsgaard

"You have to make time for your family, too."

Passions:

- Farming
- Teaching
- Technology

Family:

- Larsgaard's wife is a professor in the College of Business and Technology
- His son attends Eastern
- His daughter is a student at Model Laboratory School on the Eastern campus.

ingly. On a more serious note, he said that he really likes his job.

Larsgaard's passion seems to encompass everything in his life. He's not only very committed to his work, but

also to his family.

"It's important to allocate your time so that your family gets some too," he said.

His wife is very busy, so they have to work at making time for each other.

However much Larsgaard likes working with animals on the farm, he doesn't like to keep animals as pets in his home.

"I don't like animals in my house," he said. He does allow his stepdaughter to keep a small dog, however. "Those things are important for children growing up," he said.

Another passion of Larsgaard's is technology, and he incorporates it into running Meadowbrook.

A computer system is used to keep track of the milk production; each cow wears a collar that allows the computer system to identify it.

He also uses technology in his office. He was very excited talking about a pen his wife had bought for him.

This pen will remember what is written with it. It's an electronic pen that enables someone to write or draw something and then download it onto a computer.

He's used this pen to put drawings of all the fields at Meadowbrook onto his computer, which enables him to make reports on his cropping plans to government agencies.

His hobbies include boating and water-skiing. He owns his own boat and takes his family out in it every once in a while.

Larsgaard has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, a master's degree in

business administration and is working on his doctorate in instruction systems design at the University of Kentucky.

This choice of doctoral degree shows Larsgaard's love of teaching.

He's pursuing this degree to learn how to put together instruction that will lead to the maximum amount of retention in his students.

Larsgaard's family members are all involved with Eastern to some extent. His wife, Dr. Marcel Robles, is a professor in the College of Business and Technology, his stepdaughter attends Model school, and his son is a freshman at Eastern.

Larsgaard spoke of how much he likes Richmond and Eastern.

"I came from the Midwest where I thought we had the market, if you will, on being friendly, but ECU and Richmond are so friendly it's just a down-home atmosphere - ECU's home," he said.

Any students who are passionate about farm work like Larsgaard is have the opportunity to work at Meadowbrook.

They can take AGR 301 and 302, where they work on the farm for academic credit, or they can go through student employment and get paid for it.

One requirement for those who wish to work is that they be early risers; work at Meadowbrook begins at around 4 a.m., which is one reason why you have to love farming to do it.

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6:30 Bible Study
6:15-7:30 Team Kid
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6:40 Talk
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7:30 Small Group
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Todd Purvis, editor

1,000...& counting



Senior forward Michael Haney etched his name further into the Eastern record books on Dec. 29 against Louisville, when he

Haney passes 1,000 points during Louisville game

By COURTNEY DANIEL
Sports writer

Something good came out of Eastern's 78-63 loss to the Louisville Cardinals at the end of last year. Senior forward Michael Haney surpassed the 1,000 point mark during the contest Dec. 29.

Haney is the first player to accomplish this feat since 1996 and is one of only 26 players to join this elite group.

The last player to join the 1,000-point club at Eastern was DeMarkus Doss, who scored 1,442 points in his four-year career from the 1992-93 season to 1995-96 season.

Going into the Louisville game Haney only had to hit two shots.

"I just needed three points, so when I hit my second shot I knew I got it," Haney said. "At the time I didn't really think about it because the most important thing was the game, but afterwards it felt good."

Haney's total number of points now totals 1,043 in his career, while he still has more than half of his senior campaign left to play.

Getting into the 1,000-point club wasn't a goal of Haney's; his main focus is on the team.

"I do whatever the team needs me to do," Haney said.

Since Haney became a part of the Colonel basketball team, they have gone from being sixth or seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference to one of the top teams in the league.

Haney grew up playing basketball, and since the age of 8 or 9 all the way through high school he also played football at Madisonville North Hopkins.

When looking for a college, Haney decided to attend Eastern because of the good impression he had of Coach Ford, among other things.

"I wanted to come to Eastern to do what I've done, change the program around," Haney said.

Haney will be leaving the basketball program after this season.

"It's been fun," Haney said. "My teammates are like a big family; they are people I can call ten years down the road if I ever needed anything. I really have loved it here."

Haney believes that the program is on its way up and hopes his role as a senior leader has impacted many players on the team.

"This team has a bright future. I hope I left a mark and taught the younger guys

became the 26th player in Eastern history to score 1,000 career points. Haney averages 13.1 points per game this season.



Progress file photo

Michael Haney is currently 24th on the all-time scoring list at Eastern, with 1,043 points in his career. Haney

what it takes to be successful," Haney said.

Haney hopes to get the chance to play overseas in club basketball and after that would like to be a head coach or an athletic director.

Haney has left his mark on the Eastern basketball program and hopes that the team will continue to get better after

he departs at the end of this season. He showed his appreciation to his teammates and left them with the following words:

"Thanks for being great teammates; keep this train rolling."

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Progress file photo

Senior strong safety Pierre Wright continues to collect post season honors after finishing up his career at Eastern this season. Wright was named to the I-AA All Star team for his performance this year.

Wright named I-AA All-Star

By TODD PURVIS
Sports editor

Although Eastern's football season ended in late November, senior safety Pierre Wright continues to rack up post-season accolades.

The Winter Garden, Fla. native was recently named to the I-AA All Star team for his performance last season. Wright finished the season with 102 tackles, six interceptions, four sacks, two forced fumbles and led the conference with five blocked kicks.

"Any time you have a guy picked as one of the top players in the country, it's as high of an accolade as you can receive," Hope said. "We're really proud of him, and he personally exemplifies what our defense was about. He really played hard and recklessly."

Wright was one of four players chosen from the Ohio Valley Conference and was the only defensive player chosen from the league. The other players in the conference that were named to the team were Tennessee State running back Charles Anthony, Samford wide receiver Efrem Hill and Samford quarterback Ray Nelson.

"Pierre was a difference maker for our football team," Hope said. "He was unquestionably one of the best players in our conference."

In addition to this honor, Wright was named First Team All-American by The Sports Network and Second Team All-American by the Associated Press. Wright was a first team All-OVC selection earlier this year and was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week once this season.

"He worked hard and played great," Hope said. "He's very deserving of all of the accolades that he's received

Pierre Wright's 2004 stats

- 102 tackles
- 6 interceptions
- 4 sacks
- 2 forced fumbles
- 5 blocked kicks

this year."

Wright's performance last season helped the Colonels continue their winning tradition in straight seasons.

"Pierre's performance this season played a big part in keeping our winning tradition alive of 28 winning seasons," Hope said.

In his junior year, Wright finished the season fourth in tackles, with 85 total, after being plagued by a broken arm.

"Last year, Pierre was a guy that made some mental errors and was taken out of position to make a play," Hope said. "This year he really eliminated his missed assignments and got himself in position to make plays and made them. Last year he played with a broken arm a lot of the season; and he still played reckless which showed that he had a lot of courage."

The defensive specialist wrapped up his career with 245 tackles as a Colonel.

"I'm not surprised at all that he was selected as an All-American," Hope said. "It's a storybook ending for a guy like Pierre, he really played great for us this season."

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Colonels start 1-1 in OVC

By TODD PURVIS
Sports editor

With the difficult non-conference road swing under their belt, the basketball Colonels are under way in league play and bring a 9-4 record to the table in tonight's road contest against Austin Peay.

The Governors enter tonight's contest with an overall record of 4-10, and a conference mark of 2-0. Although Austin Peay's record isn't as attractive as other records in the league, they have been tested a number of times by teams such as Winthrop, Vanderbilt, Evansville, Memphis and Louisville.

"They've played an extremely tough non-conference schedule and their record reflects that, but they're 2-0 in conference play," head coach Travis Ford said.

The Governors will be led by their defense and will rely

heavily on their hostile playing environment to upend the Colonels.

"Austin Peay is a very, very tough place to play," Ford said. "They have the best defense in the league. Their defense is better than any team we've played all year long, including Louisville, Florida and everybody."

Ford said that Eastern must be able to get set up in their offense and take good shots at the basket in order to go in and pick up a road win over the Governors.

"They're a team that tries to use their defense to win games," Ford said. "They want their defense to set the tempo of the game."

Eastern comes into tonight's game after suffering a heartbreaking loss to Murray State in overtime last Saturday, which marked its first loss in league play. Two days prior to traveling to

Murray State, Eastern went into Tennessee-Martin and downed the Skyhawks 71-67.

"It was a very good college basketball game. Both teams wanted to win very badly," Ford said. "The UT-Martin game took a lot out of us; Murray played a lot of players and they had a little bit more left in overtime than we did."

Although the Colonels trailed by a six-point margin at the halftime, they battled back and took a five-point lead inside the three-minute mark of regulation.

The Racer defense tightened up and forced Eastern to make some costly turnovers late in the game, which cost the Colonels their lead.

With 0.3 seconds remaining in regulation, and a 73-71 Eastern lead, Murray State guard Keith Jenifer drove the lane and drew a foul, which set up a pair of game tying

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Sophomore Julian Mascoll drives past freshman Stephen Gabbard in practice earlier this week. Eastern fell to Murray State in overtime last Saturday, 80-78. The Colonels return to action tonight at Austin Peay.

Aldridge, Nobilio receive regional honorable mention

By **BRANDON ROBERTS**
Assistant sports editor

Volleyball season has been over for some time now, but that didn't stop Eastern's storied season from adding another chapter.

The American Volleyball Coach's Association named two Colonel volleyball players as all-Midwest Region honorable mentions.

Senior Lesley Aldridge and freshman Brittany Nobilio were recognized by the AVCA for their part in helping Eastern amass a 27-5 record last season and a berth in the NCAA Volleyball Championships, which was the team's first in 20 years.

Aldridge, the team's lone senior ranks in the top ten in school history in three different statistical categories. She is first in digs, third in attacks, and sixth in kills. She led the Ohio Valley Conference in kills-per-game and was ranked 25th in the nation.

"Lesley's personality and her leadership and just who she is will be missed for sure," coach Lori Duncan said.

Nobilio, one of a host of freshman on last season's squad, set a new school record for digs in a season and was named OVC Defensive Player of the Year, and OVC Defensive Player of the Week three times. Her OVC leading 624 digs last season ranks third all-time in the conference.

"I think Lesley and Brittany whole-heartedly deserve their awards," Duncan said. "I could make a case for both of those kids to be first-team all-region."

Eastern seems determined to repeat its success of last season in the upcoming season.

Amanda Wilson and Bridget Mustard have signed letters of intent to attend Eastern in the fall.

"The two gals that we have coming in we think are going

"I think Lesley and Brittany whole-heartedly deserve their awards. I could make a case for both of those kids to be first-team all-region."

—Lori Duncan
Head volleyball coach

to be kids that can contribute right off the bat," Duncan said. "I don't see how these two kids aren't going to compete for some kind of a role."

Wilson, from Euclid, Ohio, has a connection to Eastern in a sense, having played for the same club volleyball team that three current Colonel's played for. Liz Guard, Jessica Sabath and Amy Arlghaus all are former players on Wilson's club team.

Mustard, a native of Cincinnati who attended Ursuline Academy and helped lead them to a state championship in 2002 and runner-up last season, is no stranger to a big-time atmosphere.

"We are pretty excited about both of these kids," Duncan said. "The great thing is we lose one but we gain two."

Duncan will travel to Las Vegas in February to watch her new recruits compete with their club team.

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Eckerle leads EKV in league play

By **BRANDON ROBERTS**
Assistant sports editor

The Lady Colonels were busy over the break going 4-2 and improving their record to 7-6 overall and a perfect 2-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

A pair of losses in the UNLV Duel in the Desert to Iowa State and Northern Arizona was followed by four consecutive wins.

Eastern's loss to NAU was its fourth consecutive.

An 80-64 win over Southern A&M and a 56-46 win over Longwood in the EKV Comfort Suites Classic were the last two games the Lady Colonels played before opening OVC play at Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern picked up a one-point win on the road in its first OVC match defeating UTM 68-67.

"I think the OVC will be very balanced, and the games have already been indicative of that by being really close within the conference," coach Larry Inman said. "I feel fortunate to go on the road and win at any time in the conference because that is what you have to do to be a contender for the title."

Senior Miranda Eckerle posted team highs in both points and rebounds, with 15 and six, respectively.

Eastern won its second OVC match of the season at Murray State by a score of 88-78.

Eckerle continued her outstanding play against the



Marcie McDowell/Progress

Freshman guard Ashley Cazez tries to drive past sophomore guard Tamika Bowers in practice earlier this week. The Lady Colonels return to action at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Austin Peay.

Racers, registering a 25-point 11-rebound double-double in the contest, which was her first of the year. Her 25 points moved her to 16th place on Eastern's all-time scoring list.

"Miranda is playing really good and doing a great job," Inman said. "I am really proud for her to have the success that she is having right now."

Eckerle's performance over the last week of action earned her the honors of being named OVC Player of the Week.

Eckerle averaged 20 points and 8.5 boards in her first to games of conference play this season.

Through Eastern's first 13 games this season, Eckerle is amongst the leaders in the

league in six statistical categories.

A pair of freshmen, Ashley Cazez and Tamara Arnold also had career-highs in the game. Cazez had 16 points and Arnold 12.

Eastern fought back from four deficits in the game, one as much as nine points, to pull out the victory.

A pair of three pointers from Eckerle and Arnold put Eastern up 63-62 with just under 10 minutes left to play. It was their first lead of the game.

"I thought we went to Martin and played all right defense and then we turned around and went to Murray and played pretty good offense," Inman said. "I think

we had a really good combination on the trip."

Eastern will continue OVC play Thursday when it travels to Clarksville, Tenn., to battle defending OVC champions, Austin Peay State University.

"This week is tough," Inman said. "We play the defending champs and then travel to play the favorite to win it this year, having to go to Tennessee Tech. These are the toughest two games we will probably have in terms of importance."

The Lady Colonels will play their first home conference match Jan. 20 when they host Jacksonville State.

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OVC: Late free throws beat Colonels in overtime

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free-throws to send the game to overtime.

In the extra stanza of play, Eastern trailed 78-75 before sophomore guard Matt Witt nailed a three pointer with 1:50 left in the period. The Colonel basket turned out to be the last points Eastern would score.

Murray State then converted on two of four free throws in the final 1:50, which gave the Racers the 80-78 victory.

"It was a tough loss, but you've got to move on," Ford said. "In the OVC you can't dwell on a loss, you've got to move on."

All five of Eastern's starters finished the game with double figures, as Witt led Eastern with 18 points in the game. Center Alonzo Hird and guard Zach Ingles chipped in with 16 points, while forward Jason McLeish finished with 11 points in the game. Senior forward Michael Haney finished with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

"All of our players were very consistent and pretty much even," Ford said. "I don't think anyone played great in the game and I don't think anyone played poorly."

Although Eastern is off to one of its best starts in years, Ford feels like there are still many areas in which the Colonels need to improve.

"We've been very inconsistent rebounding this season," Ford said. "Rebounding needs to become more consistent this season and we need to cut down on our turnovers, but 9-4 right now isn't a bad record."

Ford believes that the main factor in the team's success this season has been due to the balanced scoring attack that the team has had.

"We're having different guys stepping up on different nights and we've not had to rely on one or two guys to score," Ford said.

The Colonels return to action at 8:30 p.m. Saturday on the road against Tennessee Tech, before returning home for their home debut of conference play on Jan. 20.

"We've played very good competition with a lot of games on the road in our non-conference schedule to help us prepare for the tough schedule that we always play in the OVC," Ford said.

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Junior guard Jason McLeish goes up for a layup over freshman guard Bubba Long in practice earlier this week.

Ratcliffe lands job as AD at KSU

By **TODD PURVIS**
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After spending five and a half years as Associate Athletics Director and Senior Women's Administrator at Eastern, Derita Ratcliffe was named the new athletics director at Kentucky State University.

"I gained great experience during my time at Eastern, I couldn't do this job with out the things that I was able to do at EKV," Ratcliffe said.

Ratcliffe becomes the first woman, as well as the youngest athletics director in Thorobred history.

While here on campus, Ratcliffe was responsible for supervising 10 of Eastern's 16 sports and dealt with administration and compliance.

"I think my compliance background was pretty important in getting this job," Ratcliffe said. "University presidents want to be certain that they've got people in place that know the rules and are going to keep their names out of the paper, other than in the scores column."

During Ratcliffe's tenure at Eastern, the university never violated any major NCAA rules, and Ratcliffe stressed that the rules that were violated were minor.

Ratcliffe's contributions to the university will be greatly missed.

"During my two months here, it came across that she had done so much for Eastern Kentucky athletics and our student athletes and she fulfilled a lot of roles and was very efficient in what she did, and that is why she got the position she got," Interim Athletics Director Jake Bell said.

Although Ratcliffe's position is currently vacant, Bell said that there is no rush to fill the position, because they are trying to find someone qualified for the position.

"What we're doing now is evaluating the position in relation to exactly what we're looking for," Bell said. "To find someone with her expertise, it's going to take a while."

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Resolution to be guilt-free in 2005

Hi everybody, and welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a great holiday break.

I'm sure everybody is as excited as I am to be back to another semester in a seemingly endless college career.

My best Christmas present this year was sleep. You might even go as far as saying I was a bit lazy over the break. Okay, I was like a slug.

New Year's was fun, too, and of course along with 2005 came the New Year's resolutions.

I usually make the same kind of resolutions everybody makes like lose weight or stop a bad habit.

This year, though, I am making a resolution to have no more New Year's resolutions. It's not that I'm perfect and need no improvement. I need to eat healthier, work out more and stop procrastinating, but my attempts usually never happen.

Why should I set myself up for disappointment when I know I won't follow through with my resolutions?

I don't have strong enough will-power to overcome my ability to put everything not immediately important on the back burner.

So this year I'm taking life easy and not worrying about things I feel I must do just because a new year has started. If I happen to have the time and the inclination to try to change something about my life, I'll do it on my own time.

As for those of you who do keep your resolutions, power to you. I wish I had your gumption.

To those of you like me though, try my resolution. It's a lot easier to keep.

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'White Noise' makes scream at theaters

By BRITTNEY HAYNES
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After bringing in \$24 million and earning the second spot at the box office this past weekend, "White Noise" made a far from quiet entry into theaters.

Jonathon Rivers (Michael Keaton) is a successful architect who seems to have the perfect life until his wife dies in a mysterious car accident.

Shortly after her death, Rivers is contacted by Raymond Price (Ian McNeice). Price tells Rivers that he is being contacted by Rivers' wife through electronic voice phenomenon. EVP is a phenomenon in which the dead contact the living through electronic devices such as a television, radio or a telephone.

Rivers writes Price off as crazy

until he starts receiving telephone calls from his wife's old cell phone which is turned off and in a drawer.

Rivers contacts Price and begins trying to contact his dead wife. After Price's untimely death, Rivers becomes as obsessed with EVP as Price had been and devotes most of his time to it.

Along with being contacted by his wife, Rivers also begins to be contacted by the dead who aren't yet dead. For example, the ghost of a woman contacts him five days before she actually dies. He tries to use the clues he is given to save people before they die.

However, EVP isn't being used exclusively for good. Evil spirits also make contact with the living through it and try harming them.

Rivers must make the choice between contacting his dead wife or risking harm to himself and the people he loves.

I thought the movie would have roughly the same story line as "Sixth Sense," instead of seeing dead people, Rivers would hear dead people. I was wrong.

Because the movie involved EVP there was a whole different element added to it.

Supposedly, EVP is a real phenomenon. I don't know though. I can't imagine a ghost calling my cell phone to have a chat.

There were some unexpected twists in the movie. Of course I can't give away what they were, but they

did make the movie more exciting.

"White Noise" wasn't the scariest movie I have seen, but there were many scenes that made me jump.

I was startled more than I was scared. The creepy music getting louder usually prepares me not to be scared.

I won't give away the ending, but I will tell you it could have been better.

Overall, the movie wasn't bad. I probably wouldn't pay to go see it again, but I also don't feel like I wasted my money.

For keeping me guessing until the end, I give "White Noise" three out of five palettes.



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Creative professors win state recognition

By BRITTNEY HAYNES
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Four Eastern professors have received state recognition for their creative talents.

Art professors Felicia Szorad, Travis Townsend and Mary Tortorici and English professor Young Smith each received awards from the Kentucky Arts Council. Smith also received a National Endowment for the Arts award.

Szorad received a professional assistance award for craft and metal based on images of various pieces of work she submitted.

It is the first award Szorad has won from the KAC, but she has won the Kentucky Foundation for Women artist enrichment grant in 2002.

Szorad thinks that having three artists not only from Madison County but from Eastern speaks highly of the university, she said.

Szorad received a \$1,000 cash award that she plans on using towards art materials.

Townsend received an Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship for 3-D mixed media.

Townsend mainly uses wood and paint for his sculptures. He became interested in mixed media after taking woodshop classes in college, Townsend said.

Townsend received a \$7,500 cash award that he also plans on using for art materials.

"It's exciting to be a part of this faculty that we knew were good, but it's nice to be recognized," Townsend said.

Tortorici won an Al Smith award for photography. She also won a \$7,500 cash award.

Tortorici has already used her award to buy a printer and the supplies to make large exhibition prints.

Tortorici feels her award justifies the life she has chosen, she said.

"It is a very hard being an artist in our society," Tortorici said.

Smith won both of his awards for poetry. In all, he received \$27,500 in cash awards.

Smith also feels it shows a lot for Eastern that four professors won awards. Smith commented that a school like the University of Kentucky did not have this happen.

"You can get anything at Eastern that you can get anywhere else," Smith said. "It shows we have a thriving art scene."

In Smith's creative writing courses he shows his students a binder of rejection letters he has received, he said. Smith hopes that his awards and his binder influence students to continue trying, he said.

"Rejection is a fact of life in writing," Smith said. "Persistence pays off."

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Felicia Szorad, art professor



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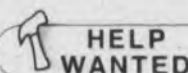


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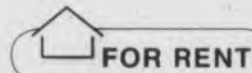


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